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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/566,446	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LIM ET AL.	
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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.                                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reich et al. (US Pat. 6,011,078) in view of Blount (US Pat. 4,260,696).

Reich discloses a primer composition, comprising from (a) 5.0 to 90.0% by weight of at least one water dispersible polymer P; (b) from 0.1 to 90% by weight of at least one radiation curable compound S which is different from P, and a pigment (see abstract).

Polymer P includes polyurethane that is a reaction product of a polyisocyanate and a polyol such as a polyhydric alcohol, a polyfunctional amine and/or amino alcohol (see col. 6, ln. 20-35).

Reich, however, does not teach the polyurethane comprising a Bronsted acid.

Blount discloses a sulphonated polyurethane that is neutralized by the addition of an amine (see col. 8, ln. 9-16).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have employed the sulphonated polyurethane, as taught by Blount, in the primer composition Reich in order to enhance adhesion properties of the primer composition.

3. Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ormsby et al. (US Pat. 4,889,413) in view of Reich and Blount as applied in claim 1 above.

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Reich and Blount are as set forth in claim 1 above and incorporated herein.

Ormsby discloses a photochromic article, comprising a photochromic polyurethane intermediate layer with photochromic compound. The polyurethane is formed from at one diisocyanate compound and at least one polyol (see abstract). Ormsby, however, does not teach the polyurethane intermediate layer as presently claimed.

The Reich combination teaches a primer polyurethane layer comprising the composition as above.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have employed the primer composition, as taught by the Reich combination, in the intermediate layer of Ormsby in order to enhance the adhesion properties of the intermediate layer.

#### ***Contact Information***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-1080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Callie Shosho can be reached on 571-272-1123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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